

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for producing a magnetic recording medium having a nonmagnetic substrate coated with a magnetic coating material containing a ferromagnetic powder and a binder, ~~comprising~~wherein:
~~preparing the magnetic coating material contains a liquid A constituted by the a~~
ferromagnetic powder and a solvent, ~~and;~~
~~preparing a solution B of the a binder; and~~
~~mixing the liquid A and the solution B are mixed together by applying an ultrasonic wave~~
thereto, and ~~are thereafter subjected~~subjecting the mixture to dispersion processing to obtain
a magnetic coating material; and
coating a nonmagnetic substrate with the magnetic coating material.
2. (original): The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic wave is applied within one second after the liquid A and the solution B are mixed together.
3. (original): The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the liquid A is subjected to dispersion processing by applying the ultrasonic wave thereto before the liquid A and the solution B are mixed together.

4. (original): The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the ferromagnetic powder is a needle particle with a major axis length of 10 to 100 nm.

5. (original): The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the ferromagnetic powder is a plate particle with a plate diameter of 10 to 50 nm.

6. (currently amended): A method for producing a magnetic recording medium having a nonmagnetic substrate coated with a magnetic coating material containing a ferromagnetic powder and a binder, ~~wherein~~comprising:

~~preparing the magnetic coating material contains a liquid A constituted by the a~~
ferromagnetic powder and a solvent, ~~and~~;

~~preparing a solution B of the a binder; and~~

~~subjecting the liquid A is subjected to dispersion processing by applying an ultrasonic wave thereto, and thereafter mixing the liquid A and the solution B are mixed together to obtain~~
a magnetic coating material; and

coating a non-magnetic substrate with the magnetic coating material.

7. (original): The method as defined in claim 6, wherein the ferromagnetic powder is a needle particle with a major axis length of 10 to 100 nm.

8. (original): The method as defined in claim 6, wherein the ferromagnetic powder is a plate particle with a plate diameter of 10 to 50 nm.